

This Week's Games

Saturday 1 May
University Oval

10.00 **U8** v University
10.30 **U6**
10.30 **U10** v University
11.00 **U12** v University
12.00 **U14** v University
1.00 **C** v University
2.30 **B** v University
4.00 **A** v University

University has organised a Country and Western theme night at their clubhouse after the games. Super 12 games will be on the big screen, Troy Dann's for \$2.00, prizes for best dressed etc.

Last Week's Games

B's v Jabiru

As this game was played in Jabiru, I have had to rely on my secret spy for the match report. Here is how he saw it. *The air was thick with tension when we boarded the bus for Jabiru, 12 players, a dirty dozen if you will!! Our President and his predecessor escorted us to the city limits, a sign of solidarity (or maybe making sure we left!). The mood was quiet and reserved for the duration of the trip, players concentrating on the job ahead.*

We reached Magella Field and we were greeted by a welcome sight, Villi Leqa. Now a baker's dozen, we were told by the Jabiru President that the Bush Rats only had 13 and no referee had been sent. Confusion reigned as to whether the game would go on but in a show of leadership and

resolve Babbs told us to suit up and be ready for anything, the game was on!! Palmerston started the game with total control, taking the ball from the kick-off well, rucking and mauling the ball 60 metres to the eventuality of a try ... 3 minutes, Palmy 7 – Jabiru 0. But then the locals started to pour in and the Bush Rats numbers swelled to 18 in all and the crowd was boisterous!! Jabiru struck back and scored two tries in quick succession and led 10 – 7. Then out of nowhere Colin "Gecko" Hillary arrived and with his first touch scored under the posts.

Control of the game and ball was quickly restored by the Palmy pigs and the backs ran hard and strong. John Waihirere and Damian Smith made good metres and Villi, Freddy Waianga and Brad Naylor revelled in the space. 5 tries scored by half time, bonus point secured. The 2nd half was torrid as Jabiru came out with a new resolve and tries were exchanged. But in a three minute spell, Jabiru piled on three quick tries to close the gap to only 7. Then in a display of crazy, telepathic like play Freddy and Henry Dau put on a show and captain Henry slammed the door shut on a Jabiru comeback.

4 tries to Freddy, 2 to Brad and a plethora of assists to Henry. Bob (Hatfield) Mitchell played well with damaged ribs, and Burley Ben Blyton wound the clock back with a display of power forward play

*at its best to ensure **victory 58 – 37**. 10 tries to 7. Maybe in the future more blokes will venture down to Jabiru, for a good time was had by all, and I haven't even mentioned the return bus trip.*

I understand the Player's player was Vili for a rampant display on the wing. Other good players included Bob Mitchell at number 8, Dave Jones at hooker, Freddie with his 4 tries and Henry Dau who had a blinder at halfback. Well done guys. Every victory at Jabiru is a great victory.

C's v Swampdogs

Hooray, Hooray, the C Grade team got a proper game this week-end. That is, if you can call a team with 7 front rowers in it a proper team. Scott Reed, Dennis Bree, Ralph Traut, Vince Kelly, Shane Cotton, Colin Snowden and Dallas Graetz were all out there looking to give the young Swampdogs team a lesson in something. Eight tries and five conversions later, I think they must have been successful. We ran out **50 to 10 winners**. Best players included all the front rowers, Dan Bree once he worked out how to catch the ball and Ben Sage with 4 tries.

Juniors

Last Friday night the **U16's** played Casuarina. Again we had a few helpers from Dragons and a couple from Casuarina to make up the numbers. **We lost a close game 22 – 27** with



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Casuarina scoring on the bell. The **U14's** also played Casuarina, who turned up 5 players short. Once again we lent them 5 players to make it 15-a-side - needless to say they were up 5-0 at half time and not due to any bad defence. Our 5 players had played very well with Narada Kerr-Barlow setting up another one of our players, Michael Pols, to score the Casuarina try. The team's policy is that everyone has a go at playing for the opposition so there was a quick swap of players at half time. We made a great comeback in the 2nd half to run in 4 tries and **win 22 – 5 and keep our unbeaten record intact.** A good result as we had agreed to play for points instead of taking a forfeit. Try scorers were Michael Pols (for Casuarina), Kurt Collie-Whakave, Fred Norris, Watene Kirikind and Jai Wiles-Kelly. Narada also kicked 1 conversion. Again, the coaches found it a difficult task to choose the best players but awarded points to Kurt, Narada and Floyd Thompson. Well done to all the boys. This win takes us well clear at the top of the table. The **U12's had a big win over the Swampdogs 34 – 0.** Tries were scored by Jacob Kerr-Barlow, Aaron Cotton (2), Tahi Thompson, Steven May (in his 1st game) and Sean Dries. Alec Irlam and Shaun Ley kicked conversions. The **U10's came up against the Swampdogs** for the 1st time this season and found themselves **0 – 37 losers.** Player numbers are still excellent and I'm sure the team still had a lot of fun and learnt a lot from the game. Best players included Wade

Burkenhagen, Scott Parsons and Joel Hogan. The **U8's also lost to the Swampdogs.** I think the score was 10 – 20 but my informant was not real sure. The **U6's** put on a display before and at ½ time of the City v Country game. Try scorers included Koby Snowden, Blake Windler, Brett Mullen, Maryanne Kerr, Connor Rowlands, Zack Bandy and Elijah Kereama.



Representatives

After the final 2 trial games, City v Country and Mosquitos v Army, held last week the Mosquitos squad has been finalised.

Palmy members are: Ben Emmett ©, George Hatzismalis, Wise Sekitoga, John Sullivan, Peter Burnheim, Ray Walters and Peter McLaurin.

Well done Gents and best of luck for the Australian Rugby Shield!!

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Police Officer of the Year

CrocTales and everyone at Palmerston Rugby Union Club would like to join in

congratulating Glenn McPhee on his selection as the Police Officer of the Year.

Well done Macca!!

Those who have been around Darwin rugby circles for a while will know of the years of service Glenn has given to the club as a player and more recently to the sport in general as a linesman and referee. Crowd control duties over the years at Optus Park have also been exemplary. "With all the good work being done by police officers out there every day, it's humbling to get the award," said Sergeant McPhee.

Two other Crocs were also nominated by members of the public for the award. Congratulations also to Dallas Graetz and Paul Veach. Well done.

Croc Jottings

Who left their mobile phone on the banks of the Adelaide River on Sunday morning and found it still there on Monday? Was he trying to get a few Crocs to call home?



Another claim to fame for last week-end's C Grade game was the fact that there was not a single penalty awarded during the game. Referee Jeff Fraser was of the view that there was not a single infringement committed during the game where advantage could not be played.

There were plenty of scrums though. Was that because of all the props on the field or just a reflection of the standard of the handling?



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